

## OAHU COLLEGE.

Annual Examinations and Rhetorical Exercises—Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. Pinney.

During last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings written examinations had been going on at Oahu College. Thursday morning the examinations were oral and were listened to by quite a number of parents and others interested with a careful, personal show the great clearness and thoroughness of the teaching. Much progress has been made by the pupils at this institution during the past year. At the conclusion of the oral examinations the visitors were invited to partake of a bountiful lunch provided in the dining hall.

At 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon the rhetorical exercises took place in the Assembly hall. The back of the platform was draped with Hawaiian and American flags, dotted with vines. In the four corners of the room were stands of palm leaves and flowers. Vines were hung clear around the room in a line with the top of the windows. Among those present were, the Chief Justice and Mrs. Judd, Hon. C. R. Bishop, Mr. Justice McCully, Prof. W. D. and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. J. O. Carter, Prof. M. M. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. P. C. Jones, Mrs. C. N. Spencer, Mrs. Dillingham, Hon. J. B. Atherton, Messrs. W. R. Castle and W. W. Hall, Mrs. Cornwell, Mrs. Widdi-beld, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Furness, Mrs. Atkinson, Rev. H. and Mrs. Bingham, Rev. Dr. Beckwith, Mrs. Coan, Mrs. J. G. Ross, Misses Ada Jones, A. Kinney, Waterhouse (2), Lottie Parmelee, Sorenson, Henry, Green, Hopper, Mossman, Chamberlain, Lyman, etc.

The programme was as follows:

Chorus—Eius of Dear Old Yale. School Declaration—The Battle of Ypres. Ernest Lyman  
Dialogue—Concord Philosophy. May Baldwin and Nellie Baskerville  
Composition—Flags. Eugene Lyman  
Dialogue—Teacher Wanted. Geo. McDougall, H. Hapai, H. Bicknell, E. Ross, Geo. Angus, G. Waterhouse, E. Lyman, W. Whitney, G. Howard.  
Declaration—Selection from Virgil. Aeneid. Albert Judd  
Recitation—Diamond Cut Diamond. Helen Dickson  
Original Discussion—Physical vs. Biological Studies. Alexander Atherton, and Hiram Bingham.  
French Dialogue—Une Dot. Harry Eaton, Mary Alexander, Harry Coan, Julia Perry, Rhoda Green and Maggie Mossman.  
Recitation—Story of Some Bells. Cornelia Robertson  
Declaration—How We Hunted a Mouse. Harry Rycroft  
Declaration—Dan Penion's Ride Down the Conemaugh Valley. Frank Armstrong  
Song—Two Grenadiers. Schuman  
Ernest Lyman.

The entire programme was rendered in the most excellent manner. The dialogue, Concord Philosophy, was extremely amusing, and touched on Boston the city of culchaw. The dialogue, Teacher Wanted, also caused much amusement, George McDougall as the examiner, carrying his part through in a very natural manner. Albert Judd's Latin declamation was given with much skill. He is evidently a very diligent pupil. The two recitations, Diamond Cut Diamond and Story of some Bells, were both given with musical accompaniment, the effect being very enjoyable. The discussion by A. Atherton and H. Bingham was really original and very creditable to them both. Harry Rycroft, evidently the "funny man" of the school, gave a laughable account of how "we hunted a mouse." Ernest Lyman's nice voice was heard to much advantage in the song. Mr. Bissell accompanying.

A very pleasant affair took place previous to the last number on the programme and just after Principal Merritt announced that the Band would give a concert on the lawn, that the graduating exercises would take place Friday evening at the Central Union church, and thanking all present for their attendance.

Rufus A. Lyman Jr., stepped to the front of the platform and said: Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, as this is the last time we shall all be gathered in this room before separating for the vacation, we wish to thank you for all that you have done in our behalf. We recognize that the prosperity of this institution, during the past seven years, is largely due to your faithful labors. Though this is a small institution, yet there exists in the hearts of all her students a warm aloha for it, which will be deepened for all who have been here during your stay. We shall carry with us many pleasant recollections of our school days at Punahou, and the memory of a personal friendship which we hope will ever endure. The students of this institution and the boarders of Punahou Preparatory school would like to present to you, Mr. Merritt, this gold watch, and to you, Mrs. Merritt, this oil painting, as a token of our appreciation of what you have done for us. We wish you joy and success in your new field of labor.

The watch handed to Mr. Merritt was a handsome gold one with the following inscription on the inside of the case: "Presented to Rev. W. C. Merritt by the students of Punahou, June 26, 1890." The oil painting given to Mrs. Merritt was a bunch of ohia.

Prof. A. B. Lyons asked to say a few words. He said the staff would feel profoundly the great loss in Mr. Merritt's retiring. He had been an energetic and efficient President. It would seem strange for Punahou to go on without Mr. and Mrs. Merritt. The departure of Mrs. Pinney was also much regretted, and he asked her on behalf of her associate teachers to accept a token of their appreciation. Prof. Lyons then handed

Mrs. Pinney a copy of the "Flora of the Hawaiian Islands."

Mr. Merritt said this part of the programme was entirely without his knowledge. He thanked the young people for this testimonial of their regard. He wished the years had been fuller. He could stand and say that he had tried to do his duty. He had no words to express his appreciation for these gifts. Speaking for Mrs. Merritt, he thanked them on her behalf. As to Mrs. Pinney, ever since she had been at the College her work had been done with fidelity and faithfulness to the fullest extent.

Mrs. Pinney was almost too full of emotion to thank them for their choice gift. It would always remind her of her relations at Punahou. She desired also to thank the scholars for their choice gifts placed quietly in her room during the morning, also for the words of priceless love contained in the note accompanying them.

At the close of the exercises the visitors adjourned to the verandas and listened to a delightful concert by the Hawaiian band.

Tuesday evening, June 24th, the graduates at Punahou, some twenty-two, visited the College and presented Mr. and Mrs. Merritt with a very handsome album with native wood inlaid covers, on the front one of which was the word "Aloha." The first page contained pictures of the past and the present graduating classes. It is a very handsome album. The presentation was made by Miss Lilian Lyman who said:

DEAR MR. AND MRS. MERRITT.—As you are about to leave the islands, we wish, on behalf of the alumni, whom you have graduated from Oahu College, to express our hearty appreciation for all you have done for us. We feel, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, as though we ought to tell you that your valuable instructions and wise counsels have not been forgotten, and as we have gone out into the world to fight our own battles, we have come to value them more and more; and as an expression of our aloha we present you with this album of Hawaiian views. We shall miss your genial faces not only in our visits to the college, but wherever we have been accustomed to meeting you; but we have the blessed assurance that at some day we shall meet again, if not here in that home above where one of our number now waits to welcome us. We hope that you may be as successful in your new labors as you have been while here, and "May God be with you 'til we meet again."

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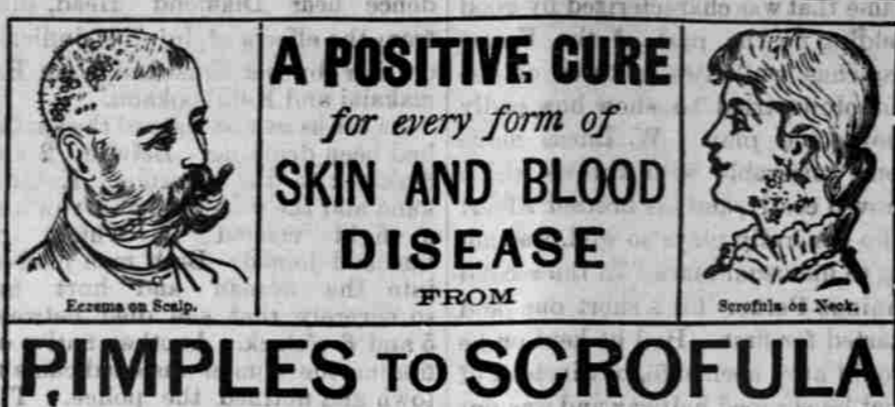
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